

**Sterling Town Council Meeting
November 13, 2015
7:00 p.m.**

Present: Mayor Randall Cox; Council Members: Scott Johnson, Yvonne Larsen, Curtis Ludvigson, and Marilyn Lyon; Clerk/Recorder, Stacey Lyon

Town Members Present: Nick Lyon

Also Present: Dean Buchanan, Jack Steck, John Cox, Bailey Simmons, Cody Walk

Meeting is brought to order at 7:10.

Roll call: Curtis, here; Yvonne, here; Marilyn, here; Scott, here; Mayor Cox, here; and Stacey is here.

Audience and Council stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dean Buchanan is here representing the American Legion. Jack Steck and John Cox are also present. Bailey Simmons and Cody Walk were sponsored by the American Legion to go to Boys and Girls State. Currently there are not any youth from Sterling that have been interested in going to Girls or Boys State. Dean would like to see some of the kids from Sterling to get involved in Boys and Girls State. Stacey and Yvonne can put something in the water bill to help encourage kids to get involved.

Bailey Simmons and Cody Walk are here presenting their experiences they had at Girls/Boys State. Both Bailey and Cody are grateful for the opportunity to go to Boys and Girls State to learn more about government and how it works. During the summer they spent a week at separate times in Salt Lake City. Both got to go through the process of election, senate, and passing of a bill. The whole process was interesting and they are glad that they went. Bailey and Cody found a new appreciation for government. Mayor Cox and the Council Members told the kids how important it is to get involved in the community to make it a better place for generations to come. They encouraged Bailey and Cody to remember their experience and to run for Mayor or Council when they get older. It is important to have good strong leaders in the community that you live in.

Dean Buchanan says that it costs \$400 for each student to go to Girls and Boys State, the American Legion sponsors the youth \$150. The youth can win scholarships at Girls and Boys State. Bailey Simmons was able to secure a scholarship to go toward college tuition. Mayor Cox would like to give some money to the American Legion to go toward sponsoring the kids that go to Boys and Girls State.

Motion made by Curtis to donate \$150 to the American Legion, seconded by Marilyn, all in favor, motion passed. Votes are cast as follows: Curtis, aye; Yvonne, aye; Marilyn, aye, and Scott, aye.

The minutes from the previous meeting, October 16, 2015 are presented and read by the Mayor and Council.

Motion is made by Yvonne to approve the November 2015 minutes, seconded by Curtis, all in favor, motion passed. Votes were cast as follows: Yvonne, aye; Curtis, aye; Marilyn, aye; and Scott, aye.

Curtis

- The headstones that were damaged when Ron Christensen's cow got into the Cemetery are getting fixed. Curtis called Rick's Richfield Monument and they have fixed 7 headstones and then ran out of daylight. They will come back and finish.
- There are some problems with the springs. The old spring is slowing down and it could be due to the dry weather. It is slowed down from 50 to 60 gallons per minute to about 30 gallons per minute. The top spring has cut down to practically nothing, just a trickle. Curtis is not sure what is happening. He is

wondering if it needs to be re-developed along with an old spring that slid years ago, it would have to be done all by hand. Yvonne suggests applying for CDBG grant monies. Curtis agrees that a water project would be high on their priority list. Mayor Cox will get with Lynn Wall of Wall Engineering and get a plan and estimate of what needs to be done. Curtis says that we will need to get permission from the forest service.

Curtis makes a motion to apply for a CDBG grant to re-develop the two top springs, seconded by Yvonne, all in favor, motion passed. Votes were cast as follows: Yvonne, aye; Curtis, aye; Marilyn, aye; and Scott, aye.

Yvonne

- Yvonne wonders if we should give an orange in the Christmas candy sack. We decided that we would last month, so yes do the orange.
- We are all out of American flags to fly, they have been repaired all that we could. Curtis wonders if we got the better material last time we bought flags. There have not been any ordered since that was discussed. Council agree that the better flags should just be purchased if we need them.
- Yvonne is wondering if we need to re-work the cemetery ordinance stating that a resident cannot gift their cemetery plot to a non-resident. There are other cities/town's that do not allow that transfer. The Council does not believe that is a problem and will readdress it if needs be later.

Marilyn

- Christmas eve – Marilyn has 3 Santa's Mark Otten, Chris Kent will let Marilyn know after Thanksgiving to know if he can do it, and Kendall Voorhees. Marilyn says that she is still looking for another one.
- She has been to the Cemetery and picked the spot for the Veteran Memorial. The kiosk will need to be moved to the south side of the road. Kay McIlff is going to draft a letter for Marilyn asking for donations. Dean Buchanan is going to give Marilyn names of places where we can get grants.

Scott

- Scott has noticed flashing signs telling drivers to slow down through towns. He wonders if he could talk to the State road shed about getting some for Sterling. The Council agree that that would be a good idea and tells Scott to go ahead.
- Scott asks clarification on the headstones and who is paying for the repairs. Curtis explains to Scott that Ron Christensen's cattle got into the Cemetery and damaged some headstones. Richfield Monuments is doing the repairs and Mayor Cox has asked Stacey to send a bill to Ron Christensen reimbursing the Town for the repairs.

Nick

- The Town has received all the monies that was billed o the State for wildland fires that the fire department fought through the year. Nick has figured out what each fire fighter is owed and given the information to Stacey so that the guys can get paid for the wildland fires they fought.
- Nick would like to have something drawn up that establishes an active member of the fire department. Reason behind this is that there has been one of the members that joined just so they could use the Town's workers comp insurance and do fire projects through the summer. This individual has not made any attempt to help out or participate in drills. It is a liability to the Town and Nick wants to make sure it doesn't happen again.

Mayor Cox

- The fence around the horseshoe pits are getting destroyed by the kids that are playing in the park. Mayor Cox asked Randy's Fencing figure how much it would cost to fence around them. The fencing would be around \$4,380 for a 4 foot chain link fence with a 6 foot wide gate to get the lawn mower in. Mayor Cox is concerned that the cinder blocks will fall on one of the kids. Nothing can happen until spring or summer time.

- Ryan Palmer found a tractor mower at an auction and bought it for the Town thinking we could use it. Curtis, Scott, and Mayor Cox went and looked at it and had to work on it to get it to run. They decided this tractor mower was not the right one for the Town and they will keep looking for a replacement one.

Bills are read as follows:

Check #	Vendor	Amount	Check #	Vendor	Amount
5804	Allsop, Jordan	1,582.50	5817	Pead, Darren	125.00
5805	Alvey Lumber	587.41	5818	Pelorus Methods	750.00
5806	Anderson, Wade	212.50	5819	Questar Gas	72.06
5807	Apparatus Equip Services	294.00	5820	Rebel Automation	120.00
5808	Bankcard Center	1,492.44	5821	Rocky Mountain Power	955.73
5809	Conover, Clinton Levi	156.25	5822	Rowley, Rob	212.50
5810	DeVries, Anthony	368.75	5823	Rural Water Association	280.00
5811	Jensen Excavating	655.00	5824	Sanpete County Clerk	172.92
5812	Jorgensen Chevrolet	433.25	5825	Scholzen Products	12.00
5813	LN Curtis	1,374.70	5826	Sorensen, David	50.00
5814	Ludvigson, Curtis	200.00	5827	Sterling Irrigation	270.00
5815	Lyon, Nick	1,281.25	5828	Wilson, Brad	125.00
5816	Manti Telephone	247.59	5829	Zions Bank	406.09

Motion is made Marilyn by to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Scott, all in favor, motion passed. Votes were cast as follows: Yvonne, aye; Curtis, aye; Marilyn, aye; and Scott, aye.

Motion is made by Yvonne to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm, seconded by Curtis, all in favor, motion passed. . Votes were cast as follows: Yvonne, aye; Curtis, aye; Marilyn, aye; and Scott, aye.